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**PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF EAST DAVIS
VOTERS GUIDE TO THE JUNE BALLOT**

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

**What did
you do
today?**

I VOTED!!!



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON PARTISAN PARTY
STATEWIDE GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY
COUNTY OF YOLO, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your choices on the ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box provided to the left of your choice. To vote for a write-in candidate, completely fill in the box provided to the left of the words "Write-In" and write in the name of the candidate on the line provided.

On June 3, 2006, about 20 voters gathered in East Davis to educate themselves about the June 6 elections. It started out quietly enough, with the theme of 'Pancakes and Politics'. However, once they had dispensed with the pleasantries of powdered sugar and jam, things got ugly. I still don't know how we are going to get those strawberries off the ceiling.

Only 2 of them lived to tell the sordid tale. They were found naked and incapacitated several miles away. After being revived with several non-fat half-caf half-decaf lattes, they shared their ordeal with me. And this is their story.

I should warn you that the story is both banal and highly disturbing. Parents should consider hiding this brochure with the sex toys to prevent the warpage of their innocent little minds.

This story is both outrageous and difficult to recount. I still can't believe it myself, and I hope you will forgive me if I have misreported a few of the details in the heat of the moment. I'm still a bit shaken.

But we felt a mighty need to share with the other voters of Davis, that they might learn from our vice and our great folly. So take this pamphlet and go forth, that we may know that those good folk did not suffer in vain.

**-Mistress Althaea
Davis CA 6/3/06**

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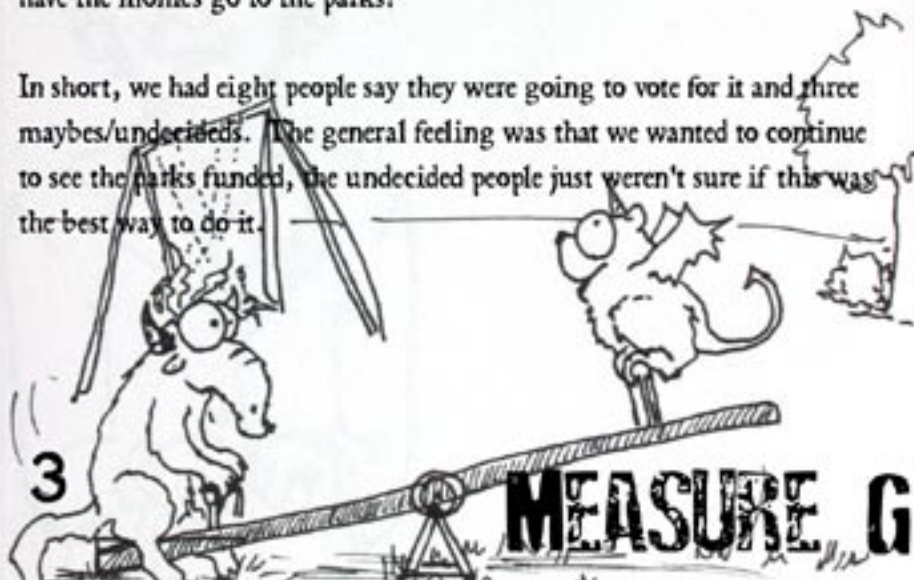
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Aka the Park Maintenance Tax

Basically this is to be the continuation of the \$49 per residential unit tax instituted six years ago. The city was supposed to get its act together in the past six years so that this tax didn't have to be renewed. Well, the economy tanked, Enron fucked us all without lube, and the state stopped passing on as much of their revenue on to the city/county level. Anyway, long story short, the city hasn't found a way to cover the 25% of the Parks budget that relies on this tax yet. Several of the City Council members are promising to deal with the issue and get permanent funding for the program before 2012 (the year this tax will expire if passed).

We all agreed that we have some pretty kick-ass parks and street trees in Davis that we all deeply appreciate, but we also thought that the city should prioritize getting its house in order. We were also concerned that the city was spending monies on shit like those red light cameras, which cost a lot of money, and may not actually improve safety. Since most of us are renters, we didn't figure the tax would actually have a fiscal impact on us. If the measure passes, we are already paying the tax, so rent won't go up. If the measure doesn't pass, the property management companies aren't going to lower our rent, so why not have the monies go to the parks?

In short, we had eight people say they were going to vote for it and three maybes/undecideds. The general feeling was that we wanted to continue to see the parks funded, the undecided people just weren't sure if this was the best way to do it.



PROPOSITION EIGHTY-ONE

Aka the Public Library Bonds

Basically, this proposition was placed on the ballot by the legislature to construct and renovate public libraries. It is a bond, which is kinda like a loan. Generally speaking its a bad idea to borrow money to cover basic budgetary items, but most people and governments borrow money for large capitol investments (like construction new buildings or buying a house). Most people view this as necessary debt. Library budgets have been decimated by the state's fiscal crisis (and the economy tanking).

Thus it has been nearly impossible for them to invest the large amounts of monies needed for improvements to their facilities, when they are already struggling to keep their doors open. Basically this bond is a way to invest in the future of our public library system, in the same way as taking out a loan for college is investing in the future. However, it does totally suck monkey balls that we have to spend 1.2 billion dollars and only get to use 600 million. (Because like any other loan, we have to spend a buttload on interest and crap like that. The money has to come from somewhere.)

We all had concerns that this proposition does nothing to help with the chronic underfunding of public libraries statewide. The libraries need updated facilities with roofs that don't leak, but they also need staff and money to buy books. We wanted to see some funding for literacy programs.

All in all, twelve of us said we would vote for this proposition, and two were still undecided.



PROPOSITION EIGHTY-TWO

Aka Preschool for All

This proposition will provide free preschool education for all preschool age spawn in the state of California. Note: this is ALL, without requiring residency or papers for the children. This program will be paid by taxing the rich. There was concern that there is a limited amount that the tax burden can be increased (even for the rich). However, the consensus was that the bill is well thought out and provides for good support for the development of the program and professional development for childcare workers. It is planned to rollout the program over the next seven years (if it passes) and will not interfere with currently running headstart programs. Private preschool groups are concerned that they may lose money, but in the end it will actually provide parents with more choices and will benefit the poorest communities most.

In the end, eleven people said they would vote for the measure, and two were still undecided. The undecided voters were dissatisfied with the ballot initiative process in California.



COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Helen Thomson is running unopposed. We were generally okay with her. She supported using imminent domain to protect Conaway ranch from McMansion developers. She's also been a good supporter of social services.

COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLER TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR

Howard Newens is running unopposed. We didn't have any complaints or suggestions.

COUNTY CLERK RECORDER

Freddie Oakley is running unopposed. We thought things were pretty hunky dorey in the recorder's office. No complaints to register there.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN ADMINISTRATOR

None of us knew what the public guardian was prior to this meeting. However, we figured out that they were a person who takes care of orphans, wards of the state, the mentally incompetent, etc.

Since we didn't know that the office existed, we also didn't have any complaints about how the office is being run.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Bob Milbrodt

Bob has spawned his own league of bobites who support his whistle-blowing, as well as his intent to make the assessor's office more transparent to the public. None of us knew whether there was any validity to his complaints against the current assessor, but there was a warm spot for his ideals of better public service for the assessor's office.

Joel Butler

We decided that Joel Butler pretty much represents the status quo in the cubicle land of Assessoria. He brags about how well the office is doing now and promises to continue the tradition.

All in all, we were totally undecided on this one. We leaned towards supporting the underdog, but worried that the underdog didn't know wtf he was talking about when he filed the complaint with the Board of Equalization. We had six 'maybe' votes and three voters leaning towards Bob.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The DA is actually a really important office. They decide which cases to prosecute and which cases to settle civilly. There is a limited amount of court time and the DA can choose how to allocate it. They can also mandate trainings for law enforcement.

Jeff Riesig

He is aggressively anti-gang. Danielle gave a good explanation of how the listing of a large number of gang "associates" in West Sac (based on questionable grounds) has serious civil rights concerns. These 'civil injunctions cannot be contested in court and carry restrictions similar to paroled criminals. Many on the list have never been convicted of a crime. The list isn't public, but it limits the ability of any one person to associate with any other on the list. It doesn't provide a way to find out whether anyone else may be on the list. The sheriffs office can apply for homeland security monies from the federal government if they add more "gang associates" to the list (apparently they fit the federal government's definition of "terrorist"). In a perverse twist, being incautious with the civil rights of minorities and residents of lower-income gang identified parts of the county actually helps the local law enforcement budget. It isn't hard to see why Resig has the support of law enforcement. - General consensus: Bad

Pat Lenzi

First of all she took the time to provide a statement in Spanish. She also specifically mentions hate crimes, training for date rape investigation, ethical violations, and identity theft. I've seen her in court, prosecuting child molestation cases, and she was both competent and respectful of the plaintiffs. Rumor has it that she would also be the 2nd Native American DA in the State if elected. She's part of the mohawk tribe and has her eyes on state politics as well.

General consensus: Better

SHERIFF CORONER

Ed Prieto is running unopposed in this race. He is thick as thieves with Jeff Riesig. We were thoroughly unimpressed with his good-ole-boy attitudes. So much so that we decided unanimously that Rob Roy would be an excellent write in candidate for this office. I can see him fingering the stiff's already. (The coroner gets to play with dead people)

Eleven of us unanimously decided to vote for Rob Roy on this one. He would lookcute with the star and a cowboy hat.



DAVIS CITY COUNCIL

Lamar Heystek

Lamar is a lecturer on campus and the only candidate that all of us were unanimous about supporting. He is personable, pro-union progressive and smart. We had no reservations about Lamar.

Rob Roy

Rob Roy isn't slated to win, but he came in second in our rating rubric. We had reservations about his ability to be serious in the office and not make a mockery of the city, but on the other hand, he has been progressive and smart in ASUCD politics on campus. He is the only candidate that didn't provide his statement in Spanish. This bothered us because we all wanted a candidate who could represent the invisible latin@ contingent in this city.

Stan Forbes

Stan got a qualified 'maybe' from our group. He represents old school Davis with bike lanes and controled (slow) growth. He is an owner of the Avid Reader and a strong proponent of downtown business. He was the only one who opposed a citizens commission on police oversight. (Lamar and Rob were the only ones who fully supported the commission)

Mike Levy

We leaned towards no for Mike. A couple of us were 'maybe's, but overall we weren't that impressed.

Ruth Asmundson

We were pretty unanimous in our wish not to reelect Ruth. We think she's a nice lady, but don't want to vote for her.

The candidates all have very good statements and Q&A posted on <http://www.daviswiki.org>. Check it out!!!

School:

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Unanimously Not O'Connell

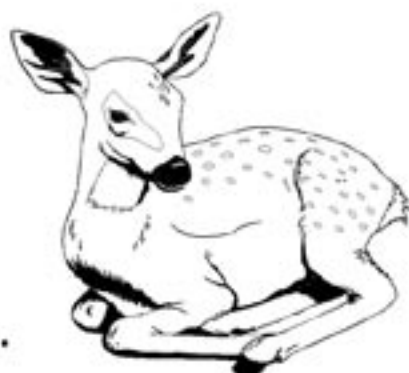
Best to do your own research, kiddies. One person recommended easyvoter.org. There was some support for Sarah Knopp, who teaches in LA Unified School District in alternative and continuing ed. She's also involved with the teachers' union. Why was there such vehement opposition to O'Connell, the incumbent? Well, he said "our students cannot afford to miss school" in regards to the May 1st boycott. Maybe that was what he was supposed to say, but still it's a bit toolish.

County Superintendent of Schools: Jorge Ayala

No complaints, dude. Not much info either.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY RACES

Hi my name is Daisy the Democratic Deer, and I will be walking through the wooded paths of the Democratic primary races.



Come frolic with the mainstream political non-opposition party!

RECOMMENDED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVENATOR: PHIL ANGELIDES

Reasoning: Though both of the better funded candidates run sickeningly slick campaigns, we decided Angelides was the better because of his opposition to the recall election, his realistic tax strategy (which goes something like, "stop yer bitching and pay for the services that you say you want")



RECOMMENDED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNATOR: JACKIE SPEIER

Reasoning: 20 points to
Slytherin ... er, the Democratic
Party... for standing up for
workers. My reason for
supporting her is that I can't
wait to see the look on
Dynes's face when he meets
the newest Regent.

That's right, part of being vice
governor is sitting on the UC Board of Regents.
Jackie's been kicking the Regents' asses on
behalf of my union, the clerical workers who
currently make 20-30% less than CSU
employees doing the same jobs. Other
Dems feel that she kicks ass for kids and
has done more to protect consumers than
Garamendi.

RECOMMENDED DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: DEBRA BOWEN

Reasoning: In the battle of the Debra's the one that is easier to spell wins. Actually, when I hear battle of the Debra's, I get visions of big haired women cat-fighting with each other over the last tube of pink lipstick.

In fact, both women are

Deborah Ortiz is of her senate seat, her, I think she just job. Her statement cool her work in than about her and democratic elections.



kick-ass peeps.

getting termed out and although we like wants a job, not this is more about how the senate has been commitment to fair

Debra Bowen, on the other hand is all about elections. More than that she is all about.. wait for it.. **PAPER TRAILS!** That's right, voter verified paper ballots, not sneaky Diebold vote stealing machines. She also wants to outlaw campaign contributions from electronic voting machine makers.

If you need convincing about fixed elections, read Robert Kennedy Jr.'s article in *Rolling Stone* about the Ohio vote in 2004. Keep the tissues and the blood pressure meds handy. This is why we need a good sec of state.

Vote for the gal with the pick lipstick.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

We thought Jerry Brown was the best pick of the lot.

Reasoning: Former Governor, Mayor of Oakland, 1992 Presidential Candidate, Attorney. This guy has some leadership skills that the other guy (Delgadillo) can't touch. AG is a leadership position, not a prosecutorial one. Local DAs can get tough on crime all they want, the AG has bigger tofu to grill. Zie gets to file lawsuits on behalf of the state against the federal governments and companies like ... oh, i don't know,... fucking Enron, the tobacco companies, ATT for releasing caller info illegally to the NSA. Plus the AG gets to title ballot initiatives. This can affect the outcome as less would willing to vote for the "killing cute little puppies and not letting your sweet gay cousin get to marry his partner of 15 years" act, as opposed to the "gay people will overthrow the government, steal your wife, and shrink the size of your john thomas unless you pass this" act. That's the kind of shit the AG gets to do. So the whole "tough on crime" is even more bullshit than usual. Plus Delgadillo supports gang injunctions, which (as you will hear elsewhere in this pamphlet) suck leprous pirate alien monkey balls.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for Insurance
Commissioner: Ehhh?

The choice here is between Cruz Bustamante, who only wants to talk about how fat people are causing health insurance costs to go up (definitely nothing to do with insurance companies), and John Kraft, who is listed as a "health care consultant", which is scary. I think that Cruz wants another job, but would he be good at this one? Kraft may or may not be connected to the mac'n'cheez money. You can check out www.ic_johnkraft.com and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cruz_Bustamante.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for State Board of
Equalization: Betty Yee

Who the fuck knew that this was a partisan office?
One choice here, haven't heard anything particularly bad about them. You can always write in Rob Roy for variety.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for US Senate: Vote
Green! (not consensus)

We actually didn't even discuss this at all, such is its monkey ball suckage. In the interest of informing voters, I, Daisy the Democratic Deer, will give you my wisdom on the matter. Feinstein voted for the war in Iraq. Do I need to keep talking? She's corporate. She's a millionaire. She's never going to change. We need someone else. Thanks to the two people who are running against her.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for US
Representative: Not Discussed

One choice again. Mike Thompson - I should know more about this guy. At least he introduced a bill that would "express the sense of the Congress that the United States should not maintain a permanent military presence in Iraq or interfere with Iraqi oil revenues." I can get behind that timid expression against american imperialism.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for State Assembly:
Write in Mica Bennett

Seriously, this one choice thing is getting on my nerves. I know it's a primary. And i know it's my fault for being registered as a Democrat. But really, WTF?

Our one person to chose from is the wholly unacceptable Lois Wolk. Miss Davis Politics. She's in the moderate democratic caucus, as one person said "I have no patience for moderate democrats". She's big on elder protection, but doesn't do much else for social justice. One person reported that she liked to hear people who have similar opinions and not much else. She was also in favor of the homeland security biolab coming to Davis. Tool or total tool? You make the choice.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for Controller: John Chang

Reasoning: I admit, i didn't know what this office did at first. I learned that this person is the money. They collect taxes and parcel them out. So in dealing with all of this molah (the product of our labor, remember), the primary concern is honesty and the ability to be passionate about accounting. Chang is both of those. Lots of experience, likes numbers, gets wet for excel spreadsheets (ok, I'm guessing on that one). So remember: Chang for Controller, or like whatever.

Recommended Democratic Candidate for Treasurer: Bill Lockyer

Do you ever get the feeling that there are only 15 democrats capable of holding state office? They get together over cocktails to draw names out of a hat to see who will run for which office. That's what I think at least. Lockyer's fine.



Warning!!!

★ NATIONAL AFFAIRS ★

BEYOND 'FAIR AND BALANCED'

This tome was written by a bunch of illiterate hacks who have no affiliation with any of the candidates. No one was representing anything other than their own opinions. Beware, this pamphlet includes real opinions, undisguised by a veil of objectivity. Opinions are great because even the biggest assmonkeys get to have them. No one got paid for this and they probably don't give a shit if you don't like it.

Is he really
the perfect
CATCH?